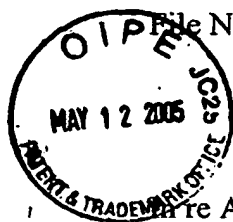


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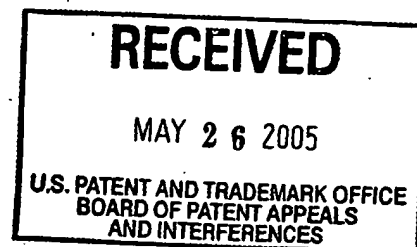
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AMENDMENT AFTER DECISION ON APPEAL

Appeal No. 2005-0440

Sir:

In the Decision on Appeal, the decision of the Examiner was affirmed whereby the rejection of claims 1 to 10, 12, and 20 to 25 was affirmed. Claim 11 was previously allowed (Examiner's Answer, Para. (3), Status of claims, Paper No. 10-03-2003).

Please amend the claims as indicated hereinafter to restrict all of the claims by the subject matter of allowed claim 11.

Allowed claim 11 is rewritten in independent form, independent claims 20 and 25 have been amended to incorporate therein the subject matter of allowed claim 11, and the dependencies of the claims have been adjusted.

With this amendment, former claim 1 is cancelled, and claim 11 becomes the principal claim.

The claims in the application are indicated hereinafter with the status identifier.